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	Customer No.	66880	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed September 11, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 11-13, 15, 16, 18-34, 48, 49, 52-55, 58-60, and 62-84 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-21, 23, 24, 26-41, 43-49, 51-68 and 70-76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goertzel *et al.*, (U.S. Patent No. 6,308,273) in view of Shaffer *et al.*, (U.S. Patent No. 7,167,553). Claims 22, 25 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goertzel. Claims 77-84 were withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1, 7, 11-13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 24, 26, 29-32, 48, 54, 55, 57, 60-62, and 68-71 been amended. Claims 77-84 have been withdrawn. Claims 4, 5, 10, 14, 17, 35-41, 43-47, 51, 56, 57, and 61 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims, and contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.